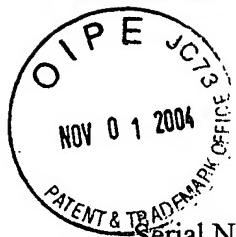


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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment, marked up drawings for Figures 1-3 and replacement formal drawings for Figures 1-3 for filing in the above-identified patent application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees listed in 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1265.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In advance of an Official Action on the merits of the case, please amend the above-identified application as follows: